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1. FRONT PAGE. LEAD ARTICLES HEADLINES READ AS FOLLOWS:
5 SHOTS KILL ISRAELI AIDE IN BETHESDA; HELSINKI TALKS TO
SEEK END OF COLD WAR. OTHER HEADLINES ABOVE FOLD ARE
BOMB HALT SIGNED BY NIXON; NIXON PLEDGES TO KEEP FREEZE
SHORT; SHOOTING OF ENVOY PUZZLING. HEADLINES BELOW FOLD
READ POULTRY MEN FACING DISASTER FROM PRICE FREEZE; DEFENSE
CHIEF KILLED IN ARAQ; UMW REFORMERS FIND TASK DIFFICULT;
MINERS FEEL QUOTE NEW HOPE UNQUOTE WITH MILLER; D.C.
REPORTS 2 MONTHS FREE OF DEATH BY DRUGS.

2. POST COVERAGE OF SECRETARY ROGERS. LEAD ARTICLE ON
PAGE 1 BY GOSKO HEADED HELSINKI TALKS TO SEEK END OF
COLD WAR FEATURES PICTURE OF ROGERS AND LEADS OFF BY SAYING
THAT MUCH-DISCUSSED EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE WILL START
ON TUESDAY IN HELSINKI WITH ASSEMBLY OF FOREIGN MINISTERS
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OF 34 NATIONS. ALMOST ALL EUROPEAN STATES WILL TAKE PART
IN WHAT OFFICIALLY CALLED QUOTE FIRST PHASE OF THE
CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN SECURITY AND COOPERATION UNQUOTE.
ONLY NORTH AMERICAN NATIONS INVOLVED ARE US AND CANADA,

AND HEADING US DELEGATION IS SECRETARY ROGERS. ARTICLE SAYS THAT SCOPE AND EXTENT OF CONFERENCE OF SUCH VAST PROPORTIONS THAT JOURNALISTS AND DIPLOMATS ARE COMPARING IT TO QUOTE CONGRESS OF VIENNA UNQUOTE. GOSHKO SAYS

CONFEREES WILL ATTEMPT TO SEE IF CONFERENCE CAN BE USED AS VEHICLE FOR ENDING COLD WAR AND CREATING PEACEFUL NEW BASIS FOR EAST-WEST RELATIONS. WHETHER OR NOT THIS CAN BE DONE WILL NOT BE KNOWN FOR MANY MONTHS BECAUSE FIRST SESSION WILL BE FILLED WITH RHETORIC AND CEREMONY BUT WILL BE SHORT ON SUBSTANCE. REAL TEST WILL COME IN SECOND PHASE SCHEDULED FOR THIS FALL. THERE, AGENDA ENDORSED BY FOREIGN MINISTERS IN HELSINKI WILL BE TAKEN OVER BY COMMISSIONS COMPOSED OF LOWER LEVEL DIPLOMATS WHOSE TASK WILL BE TO HAMMER OUT PROPOSALS FOR SECURITY AND COOPERATION ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS. IN END, THERE WILL BE CONCLUDING PHASE SOMETIME NEXT SPRING OR SUMMER WHERE WORK OF COMMISSIONS WILL BE FORMALLY BLESSED BY ANOTHER MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS. GOSHKO THEN SAYS THAT WHAT HAPPENS BETWEEN NOW AND NEXT SPRING/ SUMMER IS UNKNOWN BECAUSE WHILE SOME PARTICIPANTS BELIEVE CONFERENCE REPRESENTS REAL OPENING OF ROAD TO EAST-WEST RECONCILIATION, OTHERS SUSPICIOUS OF SOVIET MOTIVES AND VIEW IT ALL AS SOVIET TRICK TO SEPARATE EUROPE FROM US AND ESTABLISH MOSCOW'S HEGEMONY OVER AT LEAST EASTERN HALF OF EUROPE.

3. POST COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT NIXON. A. KILPATRICK ARTICLE HEADED BOMB HALT SIGNED BY NIXON SAYS THAT PRESIDENT SIGNED LEGISLATION YESTERDAY HALTING ALL US MILITARY ACTIVITY IN INDOCHINA AS OF AUGUST 15, BUT HE ALSO SAID THAT HE WOULD ASK CONGRESS LATER FOR FURTHER AUTHORITY TO RESUME MILITARY UNDERTAKINGS IF NECESSARY. PRESIDENT ALSO HELD OUT HOPE THAT CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS MAY LEAD TO CEASEFIRE IN CAMBODIA BEFORE AUGUST 15 DEADLINE. KILPATRICK MAKES IT CLEAR THAT THIS LEGISLATION A COMPROMISE ARRANGED BETWEEN WHITE HOUSE UNCLASSIFIED

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AND CONGRESS, AND KILPATRICK ASSERTS THAT NIXON WARNING THAT HE MAY HAVE TO ASK CONGRESS FOR AUTHORITY TO BOMB BEYOND AUGUST 15 WAS MADE FOR THE RECORD ONLY. CAPITOL OBSERVERS FEEL THAT CONGRESS WOULD NOT EXTEND DEADLINE EXCEPT UNDER MOST EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

3B. KILPATRICK HAS ANOTHER ARTICLE ON PAGE 1 HEADED NIXON PLEDGES TO KEEP FREEZE SHORT. PRESIDENT SAID THAT WHILE DURATION OF FREEZE TO BE SHORT, IT WILL BE ENFORCED VIGOROUSLY. THESE REMARKS WERE MADE IN A NATIONWIDE ADDRESS ON RADIO TO THE COUNTRY YESTERDAY. PRESIDENT ALSO SPOKE OF OTHER DOMESTIC MATTERS SUCH AS HIGH INTEREST RATES, CURRENT FARM EXPORT CONTROLS,

WAYS TO HOLD DOWN FUEL PRICES. PRESIDENT SAID NOTHING ABOUT FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

4. MIDDLE EAST. A. PAGE 1 ABOVE-FOLD BY-LINER BY BOWMAN AND MCCOMBS REPORTS STATE DEPARTMENT HAS QUOTE NO EVIDENCE AS TO MOTIVES UNQUOTE IN SLAYING OF ISRAELI AIR AND NAVAL ATTACHE COL. YOSEF ALON AND QUOTE PREFERS NOT TO SPECULATE AS TO WHO COMMITTED THE ACT UNQUOTE IN RESPONSE TO RADIO BROADCAST FROM CAIRO CLAIMING ALON WAS QUOTE EXECUTED UNQUOTE AS A REPRISAL FOR DEATH LAST WEEK OF AN ARAB MILITANT IN PARIS. AS A RESULT, PRESIDENT NIXON ORDERS EXECUTIVE PROTECTION SERVICE TO INCREASE ITS ACTIVITIES OF THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY IN WASHINGTON. WASH POST REPORTS ROGERS FIRST TO INFORM NIXON OF SLAYING.

4B. PAGE 1 SIDEBAR SUMMARIZES ALON'S MILITARY CAREER AND PARTICIPATION IN 25TH ISRAELI ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR. FRIENDS REPORT NO QUOTE APPARENT UNQUOTE REASON FOR SLAYING.

4C. IRAQI DEFENSE MINISTER GEN. HAMAD SHIBAB SHOT TO DEATH AND INTERIOR MINISTER GEN. SAADUN GHAYDAN WOUNDED IN TRAP SET BY THE COUNTRY'S DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SECURITY, NAZEIN KAZZAR, THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY. OFFICIAL STATEMENT ISSUED JOINTLY BY BAATH PARTY LEADERSHIP AND REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL SAID QUOTE KAZZAR AND ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS CLIQUE WERE UNDER UNCLASSIFIED

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ARREST AND TRAITORS WILL RECEIVE PUNISHMENT THEY DESERVE UNQUOTE. POST REPORTS NO IMMEDIATE INDICATION OF MOTIVE; HOWEVER, CRIME OCCURED WHEN PEOPLE MAKING GREAT EFFORTS TO CLOSE THEIR RANKS AFTER BATTLE OF THE NATIONALIZATION OF OIL INTERESTS THERE.

4D. MITCHELL BY-LINER CHRONICLES ARAB-ISRAELI FEUD. STORY HEADED SAGA OF DEATH, TERROR BEGINS WITH MUNICH SLAYINGS INCLUDING KILLINGS OF AMBASSADOR NOEL AND CHARGE MOORE. MITCHELL IMPLIES PREDOMINANCE OF BLACK SEPTEMBER GROUP IN SUCH ACTIVITIES.

5. WATERGATE. A. HARRIS SURVEY REPORTS BY 59 TO 12 PER CENT MAJORITY, AMERICANS BACK PRESS ON WATERGATE EXPOSE AS QUOTE AN EXAMPLE OF FREE PRESS AT ITS BEST UNQUOTE. HARRIS ALSO REPORTS 56 TO 18 PER CENT AMERICANS QUOTE CONVINCED IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR PRESS EXPOSES, WHOLE WATERGATE MESS NEVER WOULD HAVE BEEN FOUND OUT UNQUOTE. PRESS/T.V. COVERAGE OF WATERGATE HIGHLY POSITIVE; 61 TO 17 PER CENT REJECT PROPOSITION THAT QUOTE PRESS OUT TO GET NIXON UNQUOT. BUT NARROWER 46 TO

R CENT MARGIN, PEOPLE DENY PRESS AND T.V. HAVE GIVEN
MORE ATTENTION TO WATERGATE THAN IT DESERVES.

5B. WIRE STORY SAYS GARY HART, DIRECTOR OF MCGOVERN'S
PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN, REGRETS DEMOCRATS DID NOT DIG
DEEPER INTO WATERGATE ISSUE; HOWEVER, SEN. ERVIN REFUSED
CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS THEN ON REASON OF QUOTE NO GROUNDS
UNQUOTE. HART ADMITS MCGOVERN NO MATCH AGAINST NIXON
AFTER EAGLETON MESS.

6. INDOCHINA. A. WOOD BY-LINER REPORTS ON REBUILDING
OF DONGHA, SOUTH VIETNAM, BY THE PRG AND ITS USE AS
WELCOMING POINT FOR FOREIGN DIPLOMATS.

6B. U.S. MILITARY REPORTS 5 AMERICAN PILOTS KILLED AND
ABOUT 13 MISSING IN CAMBODIA AND LAOS SINCE VIETNAM
PEACE ACCORD.

6C. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL APPEALED JULY 1 FOR URGENT
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RELEASE OF SOME 100,000 CIVILIANS IT SAYS DETAINED IN
SOUTH VIETNAM.

7. AROUND THE WORLD. A. TROOPS IN MONTEVIDEO CONTINUE
TO DISLODGE PROTESTING WORKERS FROM MAJOR FACTORIES;
SOME PRESIDENTIAL SUPPORTERS WITHIN MILITARY FACTION
MOVING OVER TO OPPOSITION.

7B. LEADERS OF THE TWO OPPOSITION PARTIES CONTROLLING
CHILEAN CONGRESS HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL OPPOSE ALLENDE'S
REQUEST FOR 90-DAY STATE OF SEIGE THROUGHOUT COUNTRY.

8. COMMENT. POST EDITORIAL HEADED THE SOYBEAN EMBARGO
CALLS THIS MEASURE QUOTE A STAGGERING CONFESSION OF
INCOMPETENCE UNQUOTE. POST MAINTAINS THIS ANOTHER EXAMPLE
OF HOW FAR ADMINISTRATION LETS MATTERS SLIDE; HOW IT
LURCHES FROM ONE CRISES TO ANOTHER WITH LITTLE EVIDENCE
OF THOUGHT OR PLANNING. EDITORIAL THEN PRESENTS A LIST
OF ITS EXAMPLES OF HOW ADMINISTRATION HAS GENERALLY QUOTE
MISMANAGED UNQUOTE US FARM POLICY IN PAST YEAR OR SO.
STORY THEN DISCUSSES IMPORTANCE OF SOYBEANS TO WORLD'S
NUTRITIONAL NEEDS, POINTS OUT FACT THAT US PRODUCES THREE-
QUARTERS OF WORLD'S SOYBEANS, AND CONCLUDES THAT NIXON
ADMINISTRATION HAS GIVEN US CONSUMER HIGHEST FOOD PRICES
IN HISTORY AND HAS ADOPTED A NEW POLICY THAT CUTS AGAINST
GRAIN OF PREVIOUS POLICY OF VIGOROUSLY PROMOTING US
AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS.

8B. MEYER ARTICLE ON EDITORIAL PAGE HEADED WATERGATE
AND THE SPIRIT OF 76 CONTRASTS NIXON'S REMARKS ON
JULY 3, 1971, AT NATIONAL ARCHIVES WITH FACT THAT QUOTE

SPIRIT OF WATERGATE HANGS HEAVY OVER MR. NIXON UNQUOTE.
MEYER SAYS NIXON'S PUBLIC CREDIBILITY AS BICENTENNIAL
PRESIDENT CALLING NATION TO ITS HIGHEST IDEALS IS OPEN
TO SERIOUS QUESTIONING AND THAT BICENTENNIAL PLANNING IS
AT A STANDSTILL. MEYER SEES BENTENNIAL TO HAVE
BEEN QUOTE CAPSTONE UNQUOTE OF NIXON PRESIDENCY, BUT NOW
SPIRIT OF 76 HAS BEEN NEGATED BY WATERGATE - A SCANDAL
THAT HAS MADE BICENTENNIAL BOTH RELEVANT AND IRRELEVANT
AT SAME TIME. MEYER SAYS SPIRIT OF 76 IS VERY MUCH PART
OF CONGRESS EFFORT TO SHED LIGHT ON DARKEST CHAPTER IN
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US POLITICAL HISTORY. IN CONCLUSION, MEYER REMINDS HIS
READERS THAT THE CENTENNIAL OCCURRED AT END OF SECOND
SCANDAL-RIDDEN TERM OF U.S. GRANT, BUT QUOTE THE REPUBLIC
SURVIVED UNQUOTE.

8C. OP. ED. PAGE ALSOP COLUMN HEADLINE A VACATION FROM
WATERGATE SAYS NIXON SHOULD RESIGN OR BE IMPEACHED IF
QUOTE CONVINCINGLY SHOWN TO BE GUILTY AS CHARGED; HOWEVER,
HIS SOLE EFFECTIVE ACCUSER IS DEAN, ABOUT THE NASTIEST
BOTTOM-DWELLING SLUG TO SURFACE IN OUR POLITICAL LIFE
SINCE I CAN REMEMBER UNQUOTE. ALSOP SAYS WHITE HOUSE SYS-
TEM INFECTED BY MANAGERS WHO WERE QUOTE SET OF FOOLS,
PARANOIDS, BROWN-NOSERS AND INCOMPETENTS AND COMPOUNDING
A FELONY IS PRECISELY MAIN CHARGE AGAINST NIXON UNQUOTE.
ALSOP REPORTS IF PRESIDENT'S DESTRUCTION IS NOT TRULY
DESIRED, QUOTE WE ARE IN A FRIVOLOUS, SELF-DESTRUCTIVE
EXERCISE. I DISLIKE SELF-DESTRUCTION UNQUOTE. ALSOP
SAYS HE WELCOMES HIS UPCOMING VACATION, ESPECIALLY FROM
WATERGATE, WHICH QUOTE IS THE BIGGEST SINGLE POLITICAL
STORY IN 30-PLUS YEARS IN WASHINGTON PLUS MOST UNPLEASANT
TO REPORT UNQUOTE.

8D. OP. ED. PAGE EVANS/ NOVAK COLUMN HEADLINE MELVIN
LAIRD VS. H.R. HALDEMAN'S GHOST CHARGES NIXON QUOTE
DOES NOT NOW AND NEVER HAD THE SLIGHTEST INTENTION OF
CHANGING THE WAYS OF HIS WHITE HOUSE STAFF UNQUOTE DESPITE
APPOINTMENT OF LAIRD AS DOMESTIC CHIEF. COLUMN CHARGES
LAIRD APPOINTMENT FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS REASONS, QUOTE
FOR COSMETIC BUT NOT REAL CHANGE UNQUOTE. EVANS/NOVAK
REPORT LAIRD ENCOUNTERS QUOTE OMINOUS RESISTANCE TO CHANGE
UNQUOTE, AS EXEMPLIFIED BY HOLDOVER OF MALEK AND NIXON
RECONFIRMATION OF ZIEGLER'S STANDING IN ADMINISTRATION.

EVANS/NOVAK CONCLUDE LAIRD CANNOT STRIP QUOTE WHITE HOUSE
OF ITS OVER-CENTRALIZED POWER MECHANISMS AND CLEAN OUT
STENCH OF WATERGATE WITHOUT AN ANTISEPTIC HOUSECLEANING
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8E. ANDERSON COLUMN HEADED ITT HELPED INSTALL FREE NIXON LINKS, SAYS IN SECOND SECTION THAT US MADE DOLS 50 MILLION QUOTE PAYOFF UNQUOTE TO SOUTH VIETNAM TO INDUCE THIEU QUOTE TO GO ALONG UNQUOTE WITH VIETNAM PEACE AGREEMENT. THIS DEAL, ANDERSON ASSERTS, HAS LEFT FOREIGN AID PROGRAM SHORT OF FUNDS. THIS DATA COMES TO LIGHT, ANDERSON SAYS, IN MEMO FROM HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WHICH RECOUNTS CONVERSATION WITH STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL HARVEY WELLMAN. COMMITTEE STAFF AIDE JOHN J. BRADY HAS ALLEGEDLY CONFIRMED THE AUTHENTICITY OF THIS DOCUMENT, AND WELLMAN ALLEGEDLY TOLD ANDERSON THAT HE COULD NOT REMEMBER MENTIONING THE VIETNAM LOAN, BUT THAT BOTH HE AND BRADY AGREE ON THE REST OF DOCUMENT'S CONTENTS. LAST SECTION OF ANDERSON COLUMN SAYS ARCHIBALD COXS PROSECUTORS PLAN QUOTE TO THROW THE BOOK AT PRESIDENT NIXON'S FORMER COUNSEL UNQUOTE JOHN DEAN FOR TESTIFYING BEFORE ERVIN COMMITTEE. THEY ARE LINING UP WITNESSES TO REFUTE DEAN IN COURT, AND THEY FEEL DEAN MALIGNED INNOCENT ADMINISTRATION AIDES.

8F. VON HOFFMAN COMMENTARY ATTACKS INFIGHTING AMONG NIXON STAFF MEMBERS TO TAKE RAP FOR WATERGATE AND METHODS TO PASS THE BUCK FOR RESPONSIBILITY. QUOTE IT IS A TRIBUTE TO THEIR OWN TREACHERY TOWARD EACH OTHER THAT THEY GOT CAUGHT UNQUOTE. BRIEFLY COMPARES SEN. ERVIN AND ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED WHITE HOUSE STAFFERS AS QUOTE MATCH-UP THAT OFFENDS POETRY AND DEMEANS THE DIGNITY OF HISTORY UNQUOTE. RUSH UNQUOTE RUSH

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